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- (4) *The Queen of the Clouds*, by Edward S. Ellis. *Paddle Your Own Canoe Series* (No. 3), (1907), JCW: H
- (5) *Idem.* (1911) (*New Library of Famous Books* by Edward S. Ellis), JCW: H
- (6) *Idem.* (1919) (*Edward S. Ellis Pioneer Series of Books for Boys*), JCW: H

Their heroine, dropped from a balloon into the arms of an old sea captain on the New Jersey coast as a child, is later kidnapped by her worthless father and taken to India. Years later the old man's nephew helps to rescue her from danger during the Sepoy mutiny. The time is 1853 to 1858. Mr. Brown is the detective.

18. (1) *His Second Wife*, by Frank Faulkner, Dec. 21, 1878 to March 8, 1879, SN Vol. XVI Nos. 15-26: S
- (2) *Idem.* May 1 to July 31, 1880, FC Vol. 2 Nos. 65-78: S
- (3) *Idem.* July 11 to Nov. 28, 1885, FC Vol. 7 Nos. 336-356: S
- (4) *Alienated; or, The Work of a Stepmother*, by Frank Faulkner. Jan. 16, to Apr. 3, 1887, SN Vol. XXXIV Nos. 22-33: S

The evil machinations of a stepmother, who marries the heroine's widowed father, after failing to win the love of the heroine's young admirer. Her unkindness drives the heroine to run away from home, thereby causing the death of her father. The evil woman's plans are thwarted, but not until an attempt has been made on the heroine's life. The main locale is New York and there are two detectives, named Snyder and Turner.

19. (1) *Missing; or, The Cipher Dispatches. A Story of Chicago*, by A. U. S. Detective. Dec. 21, 1878 to March 8, 1879, SN Vol. XVI Nos. 15-26: S
- (2) *Idem.* Nov. 6, 1880 to Feb. 26, 1881, FC Vol. 2 No. 92 to Vol. 3 No. 108: S
- (3) *Idem.* Apr. 4 to June 13, 1885, Hst Vol. III Nos. 21-31: S
- (4) *Ideb.* Apr. 10 to Aug. 7, 1886, FC Vol. 8 Nos. 375-392: S
- (5) *A Plucky Little Detective; or, The Abducted Bride. A Story of Chicago and the Wisconsin Wilds*, by A United States Detective, SN Vol. XXV Nos. 10-20: S

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The leader of a gang of illicit distillers kidnaps the heroine and has her conveyed by yacht to his hideout in the wilds of Wisconsin. The search for the missing girl begins in Chicago and shifts to the girl's home in Wisconsin and then to Sheboygan. The final attack on the illicit still by a posse of detectives (Ofrin O. Killalea, Billup Cole and Jorkins) provides an excellent climax.

20. (1) A Lost Star, by A United States Detective. Feb. 7 to Apr. 24, 1880, SN Vol. XVII Nos. 22-33: S  
 (2) Idem. Sept. 5 to Nov. 21, 1885, Hst Vol. III No. 42 to Vol. IV No. 1: S  
 (3) The Deluded Actress; or, The "Hold-Up" near Bear Paw, by A United States Detective. May 15 to Aug. 7, 1897, SN Vol. XXXIV Nos. 39-51: S

The actress heroine of this story, set in California, is haunted by the villain posing as the ghost of a man she believes herself to have shot dead, until she is persuaded to vanish. The villain is also head of a gang of counterfeiters. Part of the story takes place on the railroad. The time is 1878 and the detective's name is Waen Wyster.

21. (1) Room No. 69; or, The Web of Fate, by E. A. St. Mox, "U. S. Detective." Apr. 24 to July 10, 1880, SN Vol. XVII Nos. 33-44: S  
 (2) Room No. 69; or, The Web of Fate, by A U. S. Detective. June 20 to Sept. 5, 1885. Hst Vol. III Nos. 31-42: S  
 (3) The Bank President's Daughter; or, Wooed by her Father's Murderer, by A United States Detective. Feb. 27 to May 15, 1897, SN Vol. XXXIV Nos. 28-39: S

A tale in three parts, the first of which tells of the murder of a bank president during a raid at Jamesburg, Illinois. The second part starts out in a Chicago hotel and then moves to Walnut Bluff, Kansas, where the detective hero (Lin Murray) thwarts another bank raid. The third and main part tells of the abduction of the heroine by the villain, starting with the derailment of a train. The hero finally traces her after many adventures, including a murder attempt by a half-breed, a tornado and a narrow escape from lynching.

22. (1) Birds of the Night; or, The Man of Iron. A Tale of New York City, by E. A. St. Mox, U. S. Detective. Nov. 27, 1880 to Feb. 12, 1881, SN Vol. XVIII Nos. 12-23: S  
 (2) Orson Oxx, the Man of Iron and A Cool Hand; or, Orson Oxx in Peril, both Anonymous (ca. 1894), 73 and 75 IDS: P  
 (3) Orson Oxx, the Athletic Detective; or, A Chase for River Pirates. A Story of New York and Vicinity in the Summer-Time, by E. A. St. Mox. Aug. 7 to Oct. 23, 1897, SN Vol. XXXIV No. 51 to Vol. XXXV No. 10: S

A tale in two parts about a scoundrel's attempt to gouge a ransom out of a wealthy banker by kidnapping his younger daughter, his robbery of the bank's safe and his plan to persuade the elder daughter to marry him by taking her on a yachting trip and faking a rescue from Hudson river pirates. The hero detective, a superb athlete, thwarts the villain at every turn and wins the girl.

23. (1) The Counterfeiter's Daughter, by A United States Detective. Oct. 29, 1881 to Jan. 14, 1882, SN Vol. XXXVI Nos. 23-34: S  
 (2) Idem. Jan. 21 to Apr. 8, 1899, SN Vol. XXXVI Nos. 23-34: S  
 A sombre tale of the misfortunes of an engraver's daughter, whose

father is lured into making the plates for counterfeit notes. The engraver and his daughter's fiance are arrested and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. The villain's uncle dies of consumption, the heroine's paralytic mother and deaf and dumb sister both die of shock, a crook takes his life with cyanide on the eve of execution for murder, the villain is seriously wounded, while rescuing the abducted heroine and part of the story takes place in a graveyard. This is the only Ellis tale in which the villains—suitably reformed, needless to say—wins the hand of the heroine. Cyrus Dexter, alias Rev. Archibald Seaver is the detective.

24. *Daric, the Diamond-Cutter. A Mystery of New York City*, by E. A. St. Mox (U. S. Detective). Sept. 5 to Oct. 31, 1885, SN Vol. XXIII Nos. 1-9: S

The faked theft of a black diamond is used to discredit the herculean young hero, but a brilliant and eccentric lawyer unmasks the villain in court. The kidnapping of the heroine, after she has attempted to commit suicide by leaping overboard from a Hudson River ferry, is another feature of the plot. The story is set entirely in New York and the name of the detective is Mart McGarath.

25. (1) *The Heart of Oak Detective; or, Zigzag's Full Hand. A Romance of Texan Toughs and Trails*, by E. A. St. Mox. Nov. 2, 1887, 471 DL: B  
 (2) *Idem.* by Edward S. Ellis (E. A. St. Mox) Apr 10, 1902, 35 IDS: P  
 (3) *Idem.* by Edward S. Ellis (E. A. St. Mox) (ca 1933), 32 ADS: P

The adventures of a detective (Zigzag, alias Peleg Thurman, alias Rev J. J. Bancroft) in capturing a gang of train robbers.

26. *The Double Life; or, The London Bank Mystery*, by E. A. St. Mox. March 1 to March 15, 1888. VFV Vol. XIV, Nos. 11-12: S

Having inherited a large fortune the cashier of a bank in London, N. Y., indulges in a Jekyl and Hyde existence. When his gambling in New York City exhausts his fortune the cashier robs the bank of \$100,000 and causes the bookkeeper to be suspected of the crime. A local detective (Lucien Ledyard) believes the circumstantial evidence, but a New York detective (Ezra Graybill) uncovers the truth. The time is August 1887.

27. *Zigzag and Cutt, the Invincible Detectives; or, A Precious Set of Scoundrels*, by E. A. St. Mox. March 21, 1888, 491 DL: B

A bank president endeavors to cover up his speculations by robbing the vaults and by abducting his niece for ransom purposes. The two detectives, with some help from the girls' fiance, bring the president and his gang to justice and rescue the fair young lady.

28. (1) *Bob Lovell, the Young Fireman of the Ajax*, by Edward S. Ellis. Oct. 6 to Dec. 22, 1888, GA Vol. VI No. 45 (Whole No. 305) to Vol. VII No. 4 (Whole No. 316): S  
 (2) *Idem.* by Author of "Footprints in the Forest," "Camp-Fire and Wigwam," "The Last War Trail," etc. (ca. 1890), 38 GL: P  
 (3) *The Fireman of the Hercules*, by Edward S. Ellis. Oct. 14, 1890 to Jan. 17, 1891, BH (Vol. II No. 14, Whole No. 40) to Vol. III No. 4 (Whole No. 52): S  
 (4) *From the Throttle to the President's Chair. A Story of American Railway Life.* (Part of (1)), by Edward S. Ellis, A. M. (1892) CP: H  
 (5) *Bob Lovell's Career. A Story of American Railway Life.* (Part of (1)). by E. S. Ellis, A. M., 1892 (5s/-d edition), C: H  
 (6) *Idem.* 1896 (3s/6d edition), C: H  
 (7) *From the Throttle to the President's Chair. A Story of American*



**Railway Life.** (Part of (1)), by Edward S. Ellis, A. M. (ca. 1898)  
CJS: H

- (8) Idem. (1898) (Edward S. Ellis Popular Boys' Books), MER: H
- (9) Idem. (1900), GMH: H
- (10) Idem. Jan. 26 to March 1, 1901, BDG Vol. LIX Nos. 26-60: S
- (11) Idem. (ca. 1901) (Edward S. Ellis Popular Boys' Books), MER: H
- (12) Idem. (ca. 1902), WYPL: H
- (13) Idem. 1905, MER: H
- (14) Idem. 1905, SP: H
- (15) Idem. (1906) (World Wide Adventures Series), C-P: H
- (16) Idem. (ca. 1910), ALC: H
- (17) Idem. (ca. 1912) (The Edward S. Ellis Series), G&D: H
- (18) Idem. (ca. 1915) (The Alert Series), G&D: H

The rise of the brakeman hero to engineer of the locomotive in spite of the vicious opposition of the son of the railroad superintendent. Adventures include a derailment, an attempted train hold up, halting a runaway horse and stopping a runaway train. Horses Baumann is the detective.

- 29. (1) The Telegraph Messenger Boy; or, The Straight Road to Success, by Edward S. Ellis. Jan. 27 to March 9, 1889. GH Vol. II No. 52 to Vol. III No. 58: S
- (2) Idem. July 4 to Aug 15, 1896, GHE Vol. II Nos. 67-73: S
- (3) The Straight Road to Success, Anonymous. June 5, 1897, Old Series No. 155, New Series No. 30 GHTA: B
- (4) The Telegraph Messenger Boy; or, The Straight Road to Success, by Edward S. Ellis. June 28 to Aug. 2, 1902, GH Vol. XXIX No. 752 to Vol. XXX No. 757: S
- (5) Idem. Dec. 19, 1903 to Jan. 9, 1904. GH Vol. XXXII Nos. 829-832: S
- (6) Idem. (1904) (Edward S. Ellis Popular Boys' Books), MER: H
- (7) Idem. (ca. 1904), WYPL: H
- (8) Idem. (ca. 1904). (Edward S. Ellis Popular Boys' Books), MER: H
- (9) Idem. 1905, MER: H
- (10) Idem. 1905, SP: H
- (11) Idem. (1906) (World Wide Adventure Series), C-P: H
- (12) Idem. (ca. 1910), ALC: H
- (13) The Telegraph Messenger Boy, by Edward S. Ellis. (ca. 1912) (The Edward S. Ellis Series) G&D: H
- (14) Idem. (ca. 1915) (The Alert Series), G&D: H

The story of the messenger boy hero's career in Western Union includes the rescue of a little girl when a bridge collapses and the frustration of an attempted burglary of a jewelry store. The setting appears to be New England and the name of the New York detective is Aristides Maxx.

- 30. (1) Check 2134, by Edward S. Ellis. Oct. 19, 1889 to Jan. 11, 1890. GA Vol. VIII No. 21 to Vol. IX No. 7 (Whole Nos 359-371): S
- (2) Check 2134. A Sequel to "Arthur Helmuth," by Edward S. Ellis. (1891) 42 LCT: P
- (3) The Railway Mystery; or, Check No. 2134. Anonymous. (ca. 1892) 67 GL: P
- (4) Check 2134, by Edward S. Ellis. (1895) (Rugby Edition of Books for Boys and Girls) T: H
- (5) Check Number 2134, by Lieutenant R. H. Jayne. (1896), StN: H

- (6) Check 2134. A Sequel to "Arthur Helmuth," (1896), SLB: H
- (7) Idem. (1897), STN: H
- (8) Idem. (1897), BSA: H
- (9) Check 2134, by E. S. Ellis. Dec. 23, 1899, 41 MED: P
- (10) Check Number 2134, by Edward S. Ellis. (1901) (Boys' Own Library) S&S: H
- (11) Idem. (ca. 9103) (New Series of Famous Books for Boys), HMC: H
- (12) Idem. (ca. 1903) (New Series of Famous Books for Boys), HMC: H
- (13) Idem. (ca. 1903) (New Series of Famous Books for Boys), HMC: H
- (14) Idem. (1904) (Boys' Own Library), FB: H
- (15) Idem. (1906) (Boys' Own Library), DM: H

The hero, with the help of a telegraph operator, helps to apprehend the robbers of the New Center Bank. The detective is named Abram Cinch.

- 31. (1) "Eh!" by J. G. Bethune, M. D. Mar. 18 to May 12, 1890, BH Vol. I Nos. 10-18: S
- (2) Hands Up! or, The Great Bank Burglary, by J. G. Bethune. (1890), 8 LDS: P
- (3) Hands Up, by J. G. Bethune. Feb., 27, 1901, 183 ML: P

A detective story centered around a bank robbery and a train hold-up, the action shifting from New York to Texas, Missouri and Arkansas. There are two Blackerton agency detectives, named Felix Bulwinkle and Archibald Gilfillan.

- 32. (1) Ned Melton; or, The Mystery of the Black Diamond, by Edward S. Ellis. Sept. 12 to Nov. 28, 1891, GN Vol. 3 No. 71 to Vol. 4 No. 82: S
- (2) Honest Ned, by Edward S. Ellis. (1894), Brave and Honest Series No. 2 MC: H
- (3) Idem. (1897) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), HTC: H
- (4) Idem. (ca. 1902) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), HTC: H
- (5) Idem. (ca. 1905) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H
- (6) Idem. (ca. 1907) (Brave and Honest Series No. 2), (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H
- (7) Idem. (ca. 1909) Brave and Honest Series (No. 2) (The New Library of Famous Books by Edward S. Ellis), JCW: H
- (8) Idem. (ca. 1911) (The Edward S. Ellis Pioneer Series of Books for Boys), JCW: H

The hero is suspected of the theft of a famous black diamond from his employers, precious gem merchants in New York. His colleague and friend proves a better sleuth than the professional detective (Erastus Blowitz), helping the hero to emerge innocent and upright.

- 33. (1) Ned Melton's Resolve; or, Did He Do Wrong? by Edward S. Ellis. Feb. 27 to May 14, 1892. GN Vol. 4 No. 95 to Vol. 5 No. 105: S
- (2) Righting a Wrong, by Edward S. Ellis. (1894), Brave and Honest Series No. 3, MC: H
- (3) Idem. (1898) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), HTC: H
- (4) Idem. (1902) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), HTC: H
- (5) Idem. (1905) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H
- (6) Idem. (ca. 1907) (Brave and Honest Series No. 3) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H
- (7) Idem. (ca. 1909), Brave and Honest Series (No. 3) (The New Library of Famous Books by Edward S. Ellis), JCW: H
- (8) Idem. (ca. 1911). (The Edward S. Ellis Pioneer Series of Books for Boys) JCW: H



A companion story to No. 32 in which, driven from home by his sourpus uncle, the hero is suspected of stealing diamonds from his employers. Once again his friend and colleague succeeds where the professional detective (Erastus Blowitz) takes to a wrong trail. The hero is traced to a farm, while the detective has become involved in stirring adventures with train robbers.

34. Hurricane Gulch. A Tale of the Aosta and Bufferville Trail, by Captain R. M. Hawthorne. Mar. 22, 1892, OAW Vol. VIII No. 23: P

In a setting of holdups of the stagecoach near the Californian mining community of Hurricane Gulch, the guilty party in a forgery case is brought to justice and the innocent bank messenger thus enabled to return home vindicated. The detective is named Signey Byington, alias Elijah Studley.

35. Your Money or Your Life! or Wanted—An Heiress to a Million, by J. G. Bethune. July 21 to Aug. 12, 1892, BDG Vol. XLII Nos. 23-43: S

An exciting search for an heiress, in which the scene shifts from New York to Long Beach, back to New York, then to Warmore, North Carolina, thence to Wilmington and finally to a climax on the Carolina coast, in which two yachts are shipwrecked. An attempt at murder and a plan to force the heiress to become the wife of the villain are plot features; the tale is also enlivened by an episode, extraneous to the main plot, in which a maniac, carrying a bomb, threatens first a law office and then a bank. The background to the events related in the story is extremely implausible, but the tale itself is fast moving and logical. Grout Sagmore is the detective.

36. The Intecepted Elopement; or, A Legacy of Hate. A Spirited Romance of Interior Kentucky, by J. G. Bethune. Aug. 20 to Oct. 29, 1892. SN Vol. XXIX No. 51 to Vol. XXX No. 10: S

A tale of elopement, abduction and counterfeiting in Kentucky, against a background of a long-standing feud between two long-established land-owning families. The two detectives are Pinneo Pincus and Vickers.

37. The F Cipher, by J. G. Bethune. Sept. 1892, 19 IMS: P

An over elaborate prologue relates the wooing of a Southern maiden by two Confederate soldiers. After the war the rejected suitor becomes the guardian of his rival's orphaned daughter and moves to New York, where an aptitude for solving cryptograms leads to his becoming a detective (Varnum Kendall). The ward becomes a boarder at a seminary in Central Pennsylvania and the main story concerns the kidnapping of the girl, with intent to murder her in order to consummate an insurance swindle.

38. (1) The Third Man, by J. G. Bethune. May 22, 1893, 143 CSS: P  
(2) Idem. H

A judge, a doctor and a detective are estranged when the judge's wife is murdered and suspicion points to the husband as the criminal. With a bit of luck the detective (Ashton Walmsley) gets on the track of the solution, but it is the judge himself who finally reveals that his mentally deranged twin brother murdered his wife.

39. The Mystery of the Three Trunks, by J. G. Bethune. June to Sept. 1893. GS Vol. X Nos. 3-6 (Whole Nos. 111-114): S

The hero, while visiting a seaside town in New Jersey, becomes involved

in bringing to justice a couple of currency counterfeiters, working in a deserted house, believed haunted. He also falls in love with a beautiful girl and his wooing is complicated by a mix up between his trunk, that of the heroine and a third belonging to a negro and by the fact that his own trunk contains a skeleton, stolen by resurrectionists. The detective is named Poland Pincus.

40. (1) *The Chicago Drummers 'Deal*; or, *Detective Skid's Diamond Haul*, by J. G. Bethune. June 27, 1893, 831 ½ DL: B  
(2) *Idem.* (1897), 214 ATT: P

Diamond worth a fortune cause the murder of the brothers and it takes the detective (Felix Skidmore) quite a bit of hustling between Bluffton, St. Louis and Chicago to bring the criminals to justice. A train hold up by a band of robbers is another feature of this tale.

41. *The Great Berwyck Burglary*, by J. G. Bethune. Sept. 23, 1893, OAF Vol. XI No. 6: P

Two detectives (Pixley Fagan, alias Richard Bolus and Leonidas Wyx-tree, alias Kneeland Ely), when called in to investigate the robbery of \$10,000 from the Berwyck Bank, have first to deal with four crooks who, ignorant of the prior robbery, plan to hold up the bank.

42. (1) *Brave Tom*; or, *The Battle That Won*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1894). *Brave and Honest Series No. 1*, MC: H  
(2) *Idem.* (1898) (*The Roundabout Library for Young People*), HTC: H  
(3) *Idem.* (ca. 1902) (*The Roundabout Library for Young People*), HTC: H  
(4) *Idem.* (ca. 1905) (*The Roundabout Library for Young People*), JCW: H  
(5) *Idem.* (ca. 1907) (*Brave and Honest Series No. 1*) (*The Roundabout Library for Young People*), JCW: H  
(6) *Idem.* (ca. 1909) *Brave and Honest Series (No. 1)*. (*The New Library of Famous Books by Edward S. Ellis*), JCW: H  
(7) *Idem.* (ca. 1911) (*The Edward S. Ellis Pioneer Series of Books for Boys*), JCW: H

The rags to riches story of Tom Gordon, from the time when he recaptures a tiger escaped from a menagerie until he wins the hand of his employer's daughter. In the course of the story Tom, already fatherless, loses his mother, his aunt and his best friend. Ellis' obsession with death at this time is emphasized by the death of the best friend's father also. The name of the detective is Fyle Latherwood.

43. *Beautiful and Brave*; or, *A Girl Worth Winning*, by Frank Faulkner. Feb. 16 to May 4, 1895, SN Vol. XXXII Nos. 26-37: S

The disappearance of the heroine is the central theme of this tale of Pennsylvania and its coal mining area. A burglary, an adventure in a storm, a court scene and a climax with an anarchist in a sylvan hideout are features of an implausible plot. The detective is named Greer.

44. (1) *Twice Endangered*, by Lucie St. Deane. May 18 to June 29, 1895, NYLed Vol. 51 Nos. 19-25: S  
(2) *Jack Darragh*, by L. St. Deane. June 22 to Aug 3, 1895, SSh Vol. X No. 255 to Vol. XI No. 261: S  
(3) *Idem.* (ca. Aug. 1895) Part of 415 BSB: P  
(4) *Idem.* (ca. 1898) Part of 514 BSB: H

A tale told in three distinct parts. The first, which is by the way of prologue, introduces the hero as a wonderful athlete and clean living young man. It is in the form of a diary written by the young lady, with



whom he falls in love. The second part relates the hero's adventures in New Mexico, where he goes to inspect three mines for his father. The third part shifts the scene to New Jersey, where the hero is kidnapped for ransom. This part is narrated by a detective, Darius H. Warmore.

45. *The Child Stealers. A Detective Search for a Kidnapped Little Girl*, by E. A. St. Mox (U. S. Detective). July 13 to Sep. 28, 1895. SN Vol. XXXII No 47 to Vol. XXXIII No. 6: S

A tale in two parts about the search for and rescue of a kidnapped little girl, ranging from Pennsylvania to Chicago and the Midwest. The first part relates the pursuit of a false scent and includes a lynching. The second part, culminating in the rescue, includes a brush with gypsies and a narrow escape from death for the hero, when he eats poisoned berries. Boff Dymond is the detective.

46. (1) *The Young Conductor; or, Winning His Way*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1895). Through on Time Series No. 2, MC: H  
 (2) Idem. (1899), (The Roundabout Library for Young People), HTC: H  
 (3) Idem. (ca. 1902) (The Roundabout Library for Young People, HTC: H  
 (4) Idem. (ca. 1905) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H  
 (5) Idem. (ca. 1907) (Through on Time Series No. 2), (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H  
 (6) Idem. (ca. 1909) Through on Time Series (No. 2) (The New Library of Famous Books by Edward S. Ellis), JCW: H  
 (7) Idem. (ca. 1911) (The Edward S. Ellis Series of Books for Boys), JCW: H

The career of the young conductor with the Asheville & Rockwell Railway Company from the moment when he is instrumental in saving an express from disaster until he is appointed superintendent. The main incidents are the exposure of a swindling conductor, a bad train accident, the capture of a band of counterfeiterers and a threatened railway strike. Thomas Jackson is the detective.

47. (1) *Held Up; or, Rattlesnake Hollow. A Romance of the Ozarks*, by J. G. Bethune. Sept. 7 to Oct. 4, 1895. BDG Vol XLVIII Nos. 69-96: S  
 (2) Idem. by Edward S. Ellis. Feb. to Sept. GS Vol. XII No. 11 (Whole No. 143) to Vol. XIII No. 6 (Whole No. 150): S

The bringing to justice of a gang of train robbers by a celebrated detective (James Moreland, alias Oram Overdell, better known as Old Thunderbolt). The scene is laid in the Ozark mountains and the plot is complicated by the accidental presence of the heroine at the time of the train robbery which opens the story. "Held Up" is very similar in plot to "The Heart of Oak Detective" (No. 25).

48. (1) *A Plucky Fight. A Story for Boys*, by Edward S. Ellis. Oct. 1895 to March 1896, FLPH Vol. LIX No. 3 to Vol. LX No. 2—New Series Vol. I Nos. 1-6: S  
 (2) *True to His Trust*, by Edward S. Elliss. 1897, PP: H  
 (3) Idem. 1904, PP: H  
 (4) Idem. 1912, PP: H  
 (5) Idem. 1916, (The Vacation Series) PP: H  
 (6) Idem. 1918, (The Vacation Series) PP: H  
 (7) Idem. 1922, (The Vacation Books) PP: H  
 (8) Idem. 1925, (The Outdoor Series) PP: H

The youth of Weldon Stafford, including the release and recapture of

a performing bear, the capture of a gang of counterfeiters and the strange will of his uncle, Jacob Burwinkle. Col. Crawford is the revenue detective.

49. (1) *Helen the Cyclist; or, The Bank President's Daughter*, by J. G. Bethune. March 7 to 21, 1896. BDG Vol. XLIX Nos. 67-81: S  
 (2) *The Blixville Mystery*, by J. G. Bethune. Oct. 1896 to May 1897. GS Vol. XIII No. 7 (Whole No. 151) to Vol. XIV No. 2 (Whole No. 158): S  
 The president of a bank abstracts \$50,000 of its funds and then endeavors to throw suspicion on his cashier and his paying teller. A detective (Burton Corey), aided by luck and the heroine, uncovers the truth. A bicycle race, which nearly ends in a fatal collision with a train, is a feature of the story and there is a sub-plot about two crooks, who attempt to outwit the detective.
50. *The Old Kentucky Home. An Echo of War Times*, by J. G. Bethune. June 29 to July 4, and July 6 to July 11, 1896, WEE Vol. 36 No. 12,732 to Vol. 37 No. 12,737 and Vol. 37 Nos. 12,739-12,744: S

An episodic story about a Civil War veteran and his beautiful daughter. The main plot features are the folly of procrastination in the making of wills, a brush with moonshiners, a ride on a vicious horse and the machinations of an avaricious cousin. The only named locations are Gawlinstown and Buffalo Gulch, both probably in Kentucky. The time is immediately after the close of the Civil War and the name of the Federal Revenue detective is Abe Grissom.

51. (1) *The Eye of the Sun*, by Edward S. Ellis. Oct. 17 to Nov. 20, 1896, BDG Vol. L Nos. 109-143: S  
 (2) Idem. 1897, RM: H  
 (3) Idem. (Jan. 23, 1899) 1 WTN: P  
 (4) "Solens Oje." Roman af Edward S. Ellis. 1905, PF: P  
 (5) *Den Indiske Diamant* af Edward S. Ellis. (1918), DLF: H  
 (6) *Den Forsvunna Diamanten. Avenyrsherattelse fran Vilda Vastern* av Edward S. Ellis. (1924), 131 U: P

*The Eye of the Sun*, a fabulous diamond, leads its owner into many adventures when he visits the Chicago Exposition of 1896, including a brush with train robbers. The locales include Cawnpore in India, Hampstead in North London, England, an Atlantic liner, New York City, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and two towns in Arkansas, namely Arkville and Slankmore. The detective is named Orson Brown. This tale won Ellis the 5th Prize of \$800.00 in a literary competition "Stories of Mystery," run by "The Chicago Record" in connection with the Chicago Exposition.

52. *The Haunted House. A Story of Strange Incidents*, by J. G. Bethune. June to Nov. 1897, GS Vol. XIV Nos. 3-8 (Whole Nos. 159-164): S

Bryan D. Drever, the detective who narrates the story, tells how he fails to solve the jealousy slaying of young Dick Marrin at Midvale, but how a handwriting expert pins the guilt on the murderer. The haunted house only plays an incidental part in the story.

53. (1) *The Great Inglewood Bank Burglary; or, Who Opened the Safe?* by Lucie St. Deane. January to August 1898. H&H Vol. XIII No. 10 to Vol. XIV No. 5 (?) (Old Series Nos. 224 to 231?): S  
 (2) *Who Opened the Safe?* or, *Inglewood's Great Bank Burglary*, by Lucie St. Deane. January 6 to 26, 1900, BDG Vol. LVII Nos. 6-26: S  
 A Chicago and a St. Louis detective join forces to bring to justice robbers who had made use of a blind girl's sensitive hearing in order to open a bank safe containing \$100,000 in gold. The setting is Inglewood, a town fifty miles as the crow flies from Chicago and Squankim, a halt on the Vladimont & Inglewood Railway, adjacent to the Green River. Varez



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54. *The Mountain Cavern*, by Lucie St. Deane. Sept. to Dec. 1899, HHR Vol. XXI Nos. 5-8 (Whole Nos. 346-349): S

The capture of an outlaw by detectives (Ned Gregory, Miller, Rusmore and Hawkins) in the Great Smoky Mountains region on the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. Escape from a mountain cavern by means of a raft trip down a stream is a feature of this tale. The time is just after the Civil War.

55. A. M. M. and P. M., by St. Cyr Randolph. Nov. 1900 to May 1901. HHR Vol XXII No 7 (Whole No 360) to Vol. XXIII No. 1 (Whole No. 366): S

A railway employee uses the fact that he is the double of a train **robber** to help round up the gang. The action takes place mainly in **Arizona** and the employee/detective's name is Arthur Bradley.

56. *The Monarch of the Air*, by Seward D. Lisle. April to May 1907, GS Vol. XXIV Nos. 1-2 (Whole Nos. 277-278): S

A detective (Fred Dunbar, alias Zekiah Hopkins of Sykesville) uses an electrically driven airship to locate the hideout of counterfeiters in some woods known as Wolf Hollow, near the little town of Belmore, N. Y.

57. (1) *The Phantom Auto*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1908) (The Roundabout Library for Young People), JCW: H  
 (2) Idem. (ca. 1909), Thrilling Adventure Series (No. 2) (The New Library of Famous Books by Edward S. Ellis), JCW: H  
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The solving of a kidnapping mystery and the revelation of the truth about a mysterious motor car, which terrifies the neighborhood of Durrville, New Jersey, at nights. The detective is Watson Skerret.

58. (1) *The Flying Boys in the Sky*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1911) (The Flying Boys Series (No. 1), JCW: H  
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 (3) *The Dragon of the Skies*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1915) (Cassell's Popular Library for Boys), C: H  
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A tale of the early days of aviation in which the hero uses his aircraft to assist a detective (Simmons Pendar) to trace the Black Hand kidnappers of a little girl, who had hidden their victim in the forests of **Pennsylvania**.

59. (1) *The Launch Boys' Adventures in Northern Waters*, by Edward S. Ellis. (1912), The Launch Boys Series (No. 2), JCW: H  
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A tale in which three lads use their motor launch to assist a Pinkerton detective (Stockiam Calvert) to round up a gang of bank robbers, reforming one of them in the process.

**The following stories have not been read, but are probably detective stories**

60. Beautiful Vivian and Her Double. A Mystery of Newark, by E. A. St. Mox.

This tale was copyrighted by the Queen Publishing Company of New York on 21 October 1882 (No. 17569 N), the entry being, marked: "In Leisure." Unfortunately none of the known surviving issues of "Leisure" contains an instalment of "Beautiful Vivian." There is little doubt, however, that it was a detective story from the fact that E. A. St. Mox has been found only as by-line for detective stories by Ellis.

61. The Southern Cross; or, Maxx Crumm's Cryptogram, by Captain R. M. Hawthorne.

This tale has been located for me by Bob Bennett and I expect to be able to read it soon. It ran as a serial in the Detroit Free Press in nineteen weekly instalments from Nov. 25, 1888 to March 31, 1889.

62. The Rajah's Ruby, by J. G. Bethune

This tale was copyrighted by The American Press Association, 52 Vesey Street, New York on Feb 27, 1895 (No. 10332 Y). The American Press Association was a syndicate and so it seems likely that the story was serialized in one or more newspapers. At that time Ellis was using the pseudonym J. G. Bethune, for detective stories only.

63. The Eye of Hercules, by J. G. Bethune

This tale was copyrighted on May 31, 1892 by the Price-McGill Company of St. Paul, Minnesota and advertised in that firm's catalogue in the Publishers' Trade List Annual for 1892 as No. 5 of the paperback Crescent Library, selling at 25c. No surviving copy of that booklet has been located as yet, but there is little doubt that it was a detective story.

64. The Mystery of the Great Ruby, by Lucie St. Deane

This tale was copyrighted by the American Press Association, New York on March 20, 1895 (No. 15880 AA). A so far unlocated newspaper serial seems likely and there seems little reason to doubt that the tale was a detective story.

65. The Case of John F. Penrose. A Novel by Geoffrey Randolph

This tale was copyrighted by Geoffrey Randolph (sic) of Brooklyn, N. Y. on May 7, 1896 (No. 25226 AA). The copyright entry is marked: "Tillotsons Newspaper Literature, New York." That was the American branch of Tillotson's Newspaper Syndicate of Bolton, Lancashire, England. Bob Bennett told our editor recently that he recalls Tillotsons Newspaper Literature as operating in Northern Michigan, in such places as Ludington and Traverse City. There is still hope, therefore, that a newspaper serialization of "The Case of John F. Penrose" may yet be located. The case for this tale having been a detective story does not seem to be as strong as in the cases of Nos. 60 to 64 above.

THE END

## THE MERRIWELLS

TIP TOP WEEKLY. I have 7 copies between #219 and 386, 1 #576, 1 #574 with a loose cover, and 16 copies between #745 and 799, and 1 #819 with a loose cover. I recently purchased most of these from a non-novel dealer who wrapped these in plastic (and priced them \$7.50!) I assume they are in good shape. MEDAL and NEW MEDAL from the same dealer, plastic wrapped, 15 copies. 41 copies, how about \$75 for the lot, postpaid.

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NEWS NOTES

**YELLOWBACK LIBRARY** No. 13 contains the usual quota of very good articles included are *The Boy Spies* and *Navy Boys Series*, by Bob Chenu, *Basic Nancy Drew* by Dave Farah, and a number of additional boys series for insertion in Harry Hudson's *Bibliography*. Yellowback Press, 2018 S.E. 8th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50315.

**HENTY SOCIETY BULLETIN #22.** Collecting Henty in Ontario, Canada. Excellent article on book searching. Could apply to Alger, Boys Series Books, etc., by Ivan McClymont. *G. A. Henty: Recent Scholarship in the United States*, by Gail L. Savage. *Henty in the United States*, by Peter Newbolt. *Those Other Hentys, Part III*, by Roy Henty. The bulletin can be purchased from Roy Henty, 60 Painswick Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Engl'd.

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RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES CONCERNING DIME NOVELS,  
BOYS SERIES BOOKS, ETC.

**DEAN COLLECTS CHILDREN'S BOOKS**, by Ken Schaaf. *Utica Daily Press*, Oct. 23, 1982. Short well-written article on Jack Dizer's collection.

**HORATIO ALGER'S FRANK HARDY, BOOK AGENT**, by Abraham Blinderman. *Antiquarian Bookman*, November 29, 1982. A very good article reviewing the Alger/Stratemeyer book "The Young Book Agent."

**HE PERPETUATED THE AMERICAN DREAM**, by Ralph D. Gardner. *Reader's Digest*. Article reviewing Alger's career published on the occasion of the issuance of the Horatio Alger commemorative stamp.

**A PASSPORT TO MAINSTREAM AMERICA WITH BOBBSEY TWINS**, by Ron Grossman. *Bookworld*, November 22, 1982. An excellent article giving a new twist to the reading of series books. (Sent in by John T. Dizer).

**NOVELS FOUND DRAMA IN MILLS**, by Mary Fitzgerald. *Lawrence Eagle Tribune*, April 25, 1982. A short review of dime novels featuring stories of the cotton mills. (Sent in by Ralph P. Smith).

**BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A . . .** Unsigned article appearing in a Rochester??? newspaper. States that the University of Rochester bought 6,000 items from the Ross Craufurd collection. It would appear that one of the dealers mentioned in Albert Kish's letter published in the December issue of the Roundup, was able to salvage some of the collection. Ross' collection was upwards of 50,000 items. I've written to the University of Rochester to determine if their purchase included some of his prize items. I will report on this as information is received.

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**Jim Murray** in his column in the *Los Angeles Times* of Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981 compares Steve Garvey to Frank Merriwell. (Item sent in by David Soibelman).

## LETTERS

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your past efforts in keeping us Old Boys informed on the things we used to read in our younger days. To older people in those days, these magazines weren't fit for youngsters to read. But, look at what our "youngsters" are reading and seeing on TV! Wonder what it will be like when our youngsters grow to be "old people"??

Thanks again for enjoyable reading.

Walter W. Humberger

Dear Eddie,

The December DIME NOVEL ROUND-UP just arrived and it has to be the strangest issue I have ever received. Too often I set the magazine aside and don't read it until later when I find the time (sometimes much later). Today I was able to look through it at once and realized what a balance between triumph and tragedy is reflected there.

Pride of place goes to another solid scholarly contribution by Denis Rogers on the detective stories of Edward S. Ellis . . . published just in time to be included in the ANNOTATED SECONDARY BIBLIOGRAPHY OF DETECTIVE AND CRIME FICTION which Walter Albert is editing for Brownstone Books. As you know, Didi Johnson and I are responsible for the entries on dime novels which are to be included.

Balanced against that has to be the letter from Albert Kish with the incredibly depressing news of the death of Ross Craufurd (of which I had read some time back) and destruction of his collection. I am absolutely numb with disbelief. Recently I'd been re-reading articles on Doughty and Old King Brady and wondering just what had happened to the Craufurd collection. I had seen a remark in an old issue of the ROUND-UP about it and the records it contained of just what stories Doughty had written . . . I must admit I even coveted the parts that had been the personal file of Doughty for my own collection of detective dime novels. And now . . .

While my collection is not enormous, it is still quite good (I think), but needs a lot of work in organizing and recording just what I have, and preservation. I am in the process of doing that now: insulating and panelling my basement, building new shelves, a good bit of this aimed at making my collection more accessible and useful. After that? I, for one, am going to see to it that my collection goes to the proper libraries where it can be used by future generations. If you or any of the other readers have suggestions about how this is to be done—including the kind of records that should be kept, the amount of information to include in a will (are there any lawyers in our midst?) I would be happy to hear.

I also think I will have to give some thought to adding to the collection, esp. in the field of detective dime novels, so let this serve as an open "ad."

Best wishes, J. Randolph Cox

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Dear Sir:

Thanks for reminding about my subscription to Dime Novel Roundup. Check enclosed for \$10. I look forward to each issue and I am enjoying the back issues so much. I am a Henty collector and recently I went to a flea market in Jutztown and I picked up a Brereton for a friend of mine and the Fall of Sebastapol for myself in large format. Such finds always makes me feel good. The same way I feel about Dime Novel Roundup.

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